



## AI-generated child sexual abuse images are spreading. Law enforcement is racing to stop them

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A child psychiatrist who altered a first-day-of-school photo he saw on Facebook to make a group of girls appear nude. A U.S. Army soldier accused of creating images depicting children he knew being sexually abused. A software engineer charged with generating hyper-realistic sexually explicit images of children. Law enforcement agencies across the U.S. are cracking down on a troubling spread of child sexual abuse imagery created through artificial intelligence technology — from manipulated photos of real children to graphic depictions of computer-generated kids. Justice Department officials say they're aggressively going after offenders who exploit AI tools, while states are racing to ensure people generating "deepfakes" and other harmful imagery of kids can be prosecuted under their laws.

"We've got to signal early and often that it is a crime, that it will be investigated and prosecuted when the evidence supports it," Steven Grocki, who leads the Justice Department's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "And if you're sitting there thinking otherwise, you fun-



Kaylin Hayman, 17, poses with her parent's Mark and Shalene Hayman outside Ventura City Hall in Ventura, Calif., Oct. 17, 2024.

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damentally are wrong. And it's only a matter of time before somebody holds you accountable."

The Justice Department says existing federal laws clearly apply to such content, and recently brought what's believed to be the first federal case involv-

ing purely AI-generated imagery — meaning the children depicted are not real but virtual. In another case, federal authorities in August arrested a U.S. soldier stationed in Alaska accused of running innocent pictures of real children he knew through an AI chat-

bot to make the images sexually explicit.

Trying to catch up to technology

The prosecutions come as child advocates are urgently working to curb the misuse of technology to prevent a flood of disturbing images officials fear

could make it harder to rescue real victims. Law enforcement officials worry investigators will waste time and resources trying to identify and track down exploited children who don't really exist.

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# Biden tries again at student loan cancellation, this time for those with financial hardships

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Biden administration is moving ahead with a new path to student loan cancellation for Americans who face steep medical bills, child care costs and other types of financial hardship that prevent them from repaying their loans. Announced Friday, the proposed rule is President Joe Biden's third attempt at student loan cancellation as he faces repeated legal challenges from Republican states. His first plan was rejected by the Supreme Court last year, and his second plan has been temporarily halted by a federal judge in Missouri.

The new rule would have to clear a number of hurdles before it becomes official, and it's unclear if it could be realized before Biden leaves office in three months. Like Biden's other loan forgiveness proposals, it could face court challenges from conservatives who say it's unconstitutional and unfair.

If finalized, the new rule would allow the Education Department to proactively cancel loans for borrowers if the agency determines they have an 80% chance of being in default on their loans within two years. Others could apply for a review to



President Joe Biden stops to speak to the media as he walks to board Marine One at the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024.

determine if they meet the criteria for cancellation.

It's meant to help borrowers who are unlikely to ever be able to repay their loans. The Education Department estimates about 8 million Americans would qualify for cancellation.

"For far too long, our broken student loan system has made it too hard for borrowers experiencing heartbreaking and financially devastating hardships to access relief, and it's not right," said

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona.

Those who could be eligible include people with unexpected medical bills, high child care costs, heavy costs related to caring for relatives with chronic illnesses, and those struggling financially in the wake of natural disasters, the Education Department said.

Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., chair of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, called it a "sham plan" de-

signed to curry voters ahead of the presidential election. "The latest blatant attempt to bribe voters is the hallmark of a desperate administration that's squandered the chance to make meaningful, lasting reform when it comes to college costs," Foxx said in a statement.

Under the proposal, the department could use a range of factors to judge whether someone is likely to fall into default on their loans. It includes household income,

age, whether they receive public benefits, and their overall debt — not just from student loans.

It also allows consideration of "any other indicators of hardship identified by the Secretary." A loan is usually considered in default if no payment has been made in about nine months.

With about 1 million borrowers in default every year, Cardona said the new rule would prevent his agency from trying to collect money it's unlikely to recoup.

"Servicing and collecting on defaulted loans is not free, it costs taxpayer dollars," Cardona said in a call with reporters. "And there's a point when the cost of trying to collect on a defaulted loan just is not worth it."

The proposal will enter a 30-day public comment period before it could become official. The administration said it plans to finalize the rule in 2025. It faces an uncertain future arriving less than two weeks before the Nov. 5 presidential election.

Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, has not detailed her plans for student debt cancellation if she wins the presidency. Republican nominee Donald Trump has called Biden's cancellation proposals unfair and illegal. □

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# In rare move, Pentagon denies falsehood about troops allowed to use force during election



Pentagon press secretary Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder speaks during a press briefing at the Pentagon, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, in Washington.

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In a rare move, the Pentagon

strongly pushed back Thursday against misinformation spread on social media that falsely suggests U.S. troops

have been authorized to use force against American citizens during the election. The misinformation — spread online by former Trump administration national security adviser Michael Flynn and former presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr., among others — suggests that a Defense Department policy revision released in late September was timed to interfere with the Nov. 5 presidential election.

Use of force by federal troops on U.S. soil against U.S. civilians is against the law — except in cases of self-defense — and is outlined in the Posse Comitatus Act.

Kennedy, who ended his presidential bid and backed Republican former President Donald Trump, tweeted the false narrative to his 4 million followers. It falsely claims that President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, pushed through a Defense Department directive allowing lethal force against Americans who protest government policies.

The revision in question is Department of Defense Directive 5240.01, and it does not allow troops to use force on U.S. citizens. The timing of its release was not related to the election, Pentagon

spokeswoman Sue Gough said. "The policies concerning the use of force by DOD addressed in DoDD 5240.01 are not new, and do not authorize the DOD to use lethal force against U.S. citizens or people located inside the United States, contrary to rumors and rhetoric circulating on social media," Gough said in a statement to The Associated Press.

The Pentagon regularly updates its directives. This update was intended to align the language on use of force from other policies into 5240.01, which only applies to defense intelligence personnel. □



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Lawmakers, meanwhile, are passing a flurry of legislation to ensure local prosecutors can bring charges under state laws for AI-generated "deepfakes" and other sexually explicit images of kids. Governors in more than a dozen states have signed laws this year cracking down on digitally created or altered child sexual abuse imagery, according to a review by The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

"We're playing catch-up as law enforcement to a technology that, frankly, is moving far faster than we are," said Ventura County, California District Attorney Erik Nasarenko.

Nasarenko pushed legislation signed last month by Gov. Gavin Newsom which makes clear that AI-generated child sexual abuse material is illegal under California law. Nasarenko said his office could not prosecute eight cases involving AI-generated content between last December and mid-September because California's law had required prosecutors to prove the imagery depicted a real child.

AI-generated child sexual abuse images can be used to groom children, law enforcement officials say. And even if they aren't physically abused, kids can be deeply impacted when their image is morphed to appear sexually explicit.

"I felt like a part of me had been taken away. Even though I was not physically violated," said 17-year-old Kaylin Hayman, who starred on the Disney Channel show "Just Roll with It" and helped push the California bill after she became a victim of "deepfake" imagery. Hayman testified last year at the federal trial of the man who digitally superimposed her face and those of other child actors onto bodies performing sex acts. He was sentenced in May to more than 14 years in prison.



**Steve Grocki, who leads the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section within the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division, speaks with The Associated Press at his office in Washington about efforts to combat AI-generated child sexual abuse material, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024.**

Associated Press

Open-source AI-models that users can download on their computers are known to be favored by offenders, who can further train or modify the tools to churn out explicit depictions of children, experts say. Abusers trade tips in dark web communities about how to manipulate AI tools to create such content, officials say.

A report last year by the Stanford Internet Observatory found that a research dataset that was the source for leading AI image-makers such as Stable Diffusion contained links to sexually explicit images of kids, contributing to the ease with which some tools have been able to produce harmful imagery. The dataset was taken down, and researchers later said they deleted more than 2,000 weblinks to suspected child sexual abuse imagery from it.

Top technology companies, including Google, OpenAI and Stability AI, have agreed to work with anti-child sexual abuse organization Thorn to combat the spread of child sexual

abuse images.

But experts say more should have been done at the outset to prevent misuse before the technology became widely available. And steps companies are taking now to make it harder to abuse future versions of AI tools "will do little to prevent" offenders from running older versions of models on their computer "without detection," a Justice Department prosecutor noted in recent court papers.

"Time was not spent on making the products safe, as opposed to efficient, and it's very hard to do after the fact — as we've seen," said David Thiel, the Stanford Internet Observatory's chief technologist.

AI images get more realistic The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline last year received about 4,700 reports of content involving AI technology — a small fraction of the more than 36 million total reports of suspected child sexual exploitation. By October of this year, the group was fielding about 450 reports

per month of AI-involved content, said Yiota Souras, the group's chief legal officer.

Those numbers may be an undercount, however, as the images are so realistic it's often difficult to tell whether they were AI-generated, experts say.

"Investigators are spending hours just trying to determine if an image actually depicts a real minor or if it's AI-generated," said Rikole Kelly, deputy Ventura County district attorney, who helped write the California bill. "It used to be that there were some really clear indicators ... with the advances in AI technology, that's just not the case anymore."

Justice Department officials say they already have the tools under federal law to go after offenders for such imagery.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2002 struck down a federal ban on virtual child sexual abuse material. But a federal law signed the following year bans the production of visual depictions, including drawings, of children engaged in sexually

explicit conduct that are deemed "obscene." That law, which the Justice Department says has been used in the past to charge cartoon imagery of child sexual abuse, specifically notes there's no requirement "that the minor depicted actually exist."

The Justice Department brought that charge in May against a Wisconsin software engineer accused of using AI tool Stable Diffusion to create photorealistic images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and was caught after he sent some to a 15-year-old boy through a direct message on Instagram, authorities say. The man's lawyer, who is pushing to dismiss the charges on First Amendment grounds, declined further comment on the allegations in an email to the AP.

A spokesperson for Stability AI said that man is accused of using an earlier version of the tool that was released by another company, Runway ML. Stability AI says that it has "invested in proactive features to prevent the misuse of AI for the production of harmful content" since taking over the exclusive development of the models. A spokesperson for Runway ML didn't immediately respond to a request for comment from the AP.

In cases involving "deepfakes," when a real child's photo has been digitally altered to make them sexually explicit, the Justice Department is bringing charges under the federal "child pornography" law. In one case, a North Carolina child psychiatrist who used an AI application to digitally "undress" girls posing on the first day of school in a decades-old photo shared on Facebook was convicted of federal charges last year.

"These laws exist. They will be used. We have the will. We have the resources," Grocki said. "This is not going to be a low priority that we ignore because there's not an actual child involved." □



# Ship owner in Baltimore bridge collapse agrees to pay \$102 million for cleanup

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The owner and manager of the cargo ship that caused the deadly Baltimore bridge collapse have agreed to pay more than \$102 million in cleanup costs to settle a lawsuit brought by the Justice Department, officials said Thursday.

The settlement does not cover any damages for rebuilding the bridge, officials said in a news release announcing the agreement. That construction project could cost close to \$2 billion. The state of Maryland has filed its own claim seeking those damages, among others.

The settlement comes a month after the Justice Department sued the ship's owner Grace Ocean Private Ltd. and manager Synergy Marine Group, both based in Singapore, seeking to recover funds from the cleanup.

The Justice Department alleged that the electrical and mechanical systems on the ship, the Dali, were improperly maintained, causing it to lose power and veer off course before striking a support column on the Francis Scott Key Bridge in March. The ship was leaving Baltimore for Sri Lanka when its steering failed because of the power loss.

Six men on a road crew, who were filling potholes



The cargo ship Dali is stuck under part of the structure of the Francis Scott Key Bridge after the ship hit the bridge, Tuesday, March 26, 2024, as seen from Pasadena, Md.

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during an overnight shift, fell to their deaths. Cleanup crews worked around the clock searching for bodies and removing thousands of tons of mangled steel and smashed concrete from the bottom of the Patapsco River. The Dali remained stuck amid the wreckage for almost two months, with collapsed steel trusses draped across the ship's damaged bow.

"This resolution ensures that the costs of the federal government's cleanup efforts in the Fort McHenry Channel are borne by Grace Ocean and Synergy and not the American taxpayer," Principal Deputy Associate At-

torney General Benjamin Mizer said in a statement. The collapse snarled commercial shipping traffic through the Port of Baltimore and put many local longshoremen out of work before the channel was fully opened in June. It interrupted East Coast shipping routes as the port is one of the busiest in the country, especially for cars and farm equipment.

Grace Ocean and Synergy filed a court petition just days after the collapse seeking to limit their legal liability in what could become the most expensive marine casualty case in history. Court records show

attorneys for both parties said in a joint filing Thursday that they had reached a settlement agreement and requested dismissal of the Justice Department's claim, which sought \$103 million in cleanup costs.

In a written statement early Friday, a spokesperson for the companies said the settlement isn't an admission of responsibility or wrongdoing. He said Grace Ocean and Synergy will "vigorously defend themselves" in the other pending proceedings.

"The settlement strictly covers costs related to clearing the channel, which we would have been respon-

sible for in any case, and is not indicative of any liability, which we expressly reject for the incident that led to the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge," spokesperson Darrell Wilson said, noting that the agreement did not include any punitive damages.

The Justice Department claim was one of many filed in an expansive liability case that will ultimately determine how much the ship's owner and manager will owe for their role in causing the disaster. The other claims are still unresolved. They've been filed on behalf of the victims' families, companies whose business has suffered as a result of the collapse, municipal entities and more.

FBI agents boarded the ship in April amid a criminal investigation into the circumstances leading up to the collapse.

When it was filed last month, the Justice Department civil claim provided the most detailed account yet of the cascading series of failures that left the Dali's pilots and crew helpless in the face of looming disaster. The complaint pointed to "excessive vibrations" on the ship that attorneys called a "well-known cause of transformer and electrical failure." Instead of dealing with the source of the excessive vibrations, crew members "jury-rigged" the ship, the complaint alleged. □



Police arrive on the scene of a shooting in Fall City, Washington, Monday, Oct. 21, 2024.

Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — A 15-year-old boy accused of killing his parents and three of his siblings this week east of Seattle tried to pin the slayings on his younger brother,

but a sister who survived after playing dead escaped to a neighbor's house and told police who really carried out the shootings, authorities said in a court

## 15-year-old boy charged in shooting deaths of parents, 3 siblings in Washington state

document made public Thursday.

The boy was charged Thursday in juvenile court with five counts of aggravated murder. Under Washington state law, a hearing is required before the case can be moved into adult court. The 11-year-old sister who survived Monday's shooting told investigators that the defendant had recently gotten into trouble for failing tests at school, and that the handgun he used belonged to their father. Of

all the children, she said, he was the only one who knew the code to the lock box their dad kept it in.

The King County Medical Examiner's Office identified the victims as Sarah Humiston, 42, Mark Humiston, 43, and their children Katheryn Humiston, 7, Joshua Humiston, 9, and Benjamin Humiston, 13.

According to an affidavit of probable cause by King County sheriff's detective Aaron Thompson, the defendant called 911 around

5 a.m. Monday to report that his 13-year-old brother had shot and killed their family at their home in Fall City because he had gotten in trouble for looking at pornography.

A neighbor a few minutes later called 911 saying the injured 11-year-old had come to the home reporting that her family had been shot by her 15-year-old brother and that she had played dead before escaping, the affidavit said. □



# Ukraine's Zelenskyy says North Korean troops are poised to join the war

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**KYIV, Ukraine (AP)** — North Korean troops are poised to be deployed by Russia on the battlefield in Ukraine as early as this weekend, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy claimed Friday.

Western officials have warned that North Korean units joining the fight would stoke the almost three-year war and bring geopolitical consequences as far away as the Indo-Pacific region. The possibility has alarmed leaders and deepened diplomatic tensions.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby said Friday that the top national security advisers for the United States, Japan and South Korea met and "expressed grave concern" about North Korea's troop deployments for potential use with Russia on the battlefield against Ukraine.

Kirby said that the national security advisers from the three countries "call on Russia and the DPRK to cease these actions that only serve to expand the security implications of Russia's brutal and illegal war beyond Europe and into the Indo-Pacific." "It is possible that there are now more than 3,000 troops from North Korea that have been dispatched to Russia



In this photo taken from video released by the Russian Defense Ministry on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, a Russian soldier aims from a bunker in the Russian - Ukrainian border area in the Kursk region, Russia.

for outfitting and for training," Kirby said on a call with reporters.

Kirby said the U.S. government did not have firm intelligence assessments on where the troops were going "but we believe it is certainly possible" and "perhaps even likely" that some of the North Korean troops would be deployed to the Kursk region of Russia, where Ukraine has held some territory since capturing it in August. But he cautioned that he did not know in what capacity and to what purpose the North Korean troops would be deployed. A senior official in the Ukrainian presidential office

told The Associated Press on Friday that Zelenskyy had canceled a planned visit to Kyiv by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter, said the visit was supposed to come after this week's summit in the Russian city of Kazan of the BRICS bloc of developing economies, which Guterres attended.

A photograph of Guterres shaking hands with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the summit triggered an outcry in Ukraine.

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Zelenskyy, in a post on Telegram, said Ukrainian intelligence had determined that "the first North Korean military will be used by Russia in combat zones" between Sunday and Monday.

He said on Telegram that the deployment was "an obvious escalating move by Russia." He didn't provide any further details, including where the North Korean soldiers may be sent.

Russia has been conducting a ferocious summer campaign along the eastern front in Ukraine, gradually compelling Kyiv to surrender ground. But Russia has struggled to push Ukrainian forces out of

its Kursk border region following an incursion almost three months ago.

North Korean units were detected on Wednesday in Kursk, according to Ukraine's Main Intelligence Directorate, known by its acronym GUR.

The soldiers had undergone several weeks of training at bases in eastern Russia and had been equipped with clothes for the upcoming winter, GUR said in a statement late Thursday.

It estimated the number of North Korean soldiers sent by Pyongyang to Russia at around 12,000, including some 500 officers and three generals.

Dutch Defense Minister Ruben Brekelmans said Friday on the social platform X that intelligence reports indicated the North Korean soldiers "will probably first be deployed in Kursk." The deployment of North Korean forces under a military pact between Moscow and Pyongyang brings a new dimension to the conflict, which is Europe's biggest war since World War II and has cost tens of thousands of lives on both sides, including many civilians.

The U.S. said Wednesday that 3,000 North Korean troops have been deployed to Russia and are training at several locations, calling the move very serious. □

## One of 3 judges weighing request for ICC arrest warrants against Netanyahu and others is replaced

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**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)**

— The presiding judge of an International Criminal Court panel considering a request to issue arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his defense minister and senior Hamas leaders has been replaced on medical grounds.

The court published a decision Friday granting a request by Romanian judge Iulia Motoc to be taken off the case "based on medical grounds and the need to safeguard

the proper administration of justice."

The ruling did not elaborate or disclose further details, saying that "the personal medical situation of Judge Motoc is entitled to medical confidentiality."

Motoc was replaced by Beti Hohler, a Slovenian who was elected as a judge at the court last year after earlier serving as a trial lawyer in the court's prosecution office. The decision is likely to further delay a decision on the request by the court's chief prosecutor, Karim Khan.

In his May request for warrants, Khan accused Netanyahu, Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, and three Hamas leaders — Yahya Sinwar, Mohammed Deif and Ismail Haniyeh — of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza Strip and Israel.

U.S. President Joe Biden called the request for warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant "outrageous," adding "whatever this prosecutor might imply, there is no equivalence — none — between Israel and Hamas."



Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.

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Hamas also denounced the ICC prosecutor's actions, saying the request to arrest its leaders "equates the victim with the executioner."

Since the request, Sinwar

and Haniyeh have been confirmed killed. Israel has claimed to have killed Deif, but Hamas has said he survived. □



# Ex-commander of a Ugandan rebel group has been sentenced to 40 years in prison

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A former commander of the Lord's Resistance Army rebels was sentenced by a court in Uganda on Friday to 40 years in prison for brutal crimes committed by the group during its insurgency that started in the 1980s.

Thomas Kwoyelo — a former child soldier who later became a rebel commander — will serve only 25 years in jail as he has been in government custody for 15 years, the court ruled.

Kwoyelo's jail sentence applies to the most serious crimes he faced, including multiple counts of murder, rape, pillaging, and enslavement. The sentence was delivered by a panel of the High Court that sat in Gulu, the northern city where the LRA was once active. Kwoyelo can appeal.

Grace Apio, a Ugandan victim of the LRA insurgency, told The Associated Press that she felt the sentence was lenient.

The sentence "is very little for us, the victims," she said. "We feel very bad ... This sentence will encourage other people who want to start a war that in Uganda, after committing these atrocities, you will end up



Former commander of the Lord's Resistance Army rebel Thomas Kwoyelo, smiles as he listens to the court ruling in Gulu, Uganda Friday, Sept. 25, 2024.

Associated Press

with a light sentence and then you come back to society and start your life again."

Kwoyelo was convicted in August on 44 of the 78 counts he faced for crimes committed during the insurgency between 1992 and 2005. Kwoyelo, whose trial began in 2019, had been in detention since 2009 as Ugandan authorities tried to figure out how to dispense justice in a way that was fair and credible. Human Rights Watch de-

scribed his trial as "a rare opportunity for justice for victims of the two-decade war between" Ugandan troops and the LRA.

Prosecutors said Kwoyelo held the military rank of colonel within the LRA and that he ordered violent attacks on civilians, many of them displaced by the rebellion.

The LRA's overall leader, Joseph Kony, is believed to be hiding in a vast area of ungoverned bush in central Africa. The U.S. has of-

fered \$5 million as a reward for information leading to the capture of Kony, who is also wanted by the International Criminal Court.

One of Kony's lieutenants, Dominic Ongwen, was sentenced in 2021 by the ICC to 25 years of imprisonment for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Thousands of other rebel combatants have received Ugandan government amnesty over the years, but Kwoyelo, who was captured in neighboring Con-

go, was denied such reprieve. Ugandan officials have never explained why. Kwoyelo, who denied the charges against him, testified that only Kony could answer for LRA crimes, and said everyone in the LRA faced death for disobeying the warlord.

The LRA, which began in Uganda as an anti-government rebellion — and later expanded its operations to neighboring Congo as well as Central African Republic — was accused of recruiting boys to fight and keeping girls as sex slaves. At the peak of its power, the group was a notoriously brutal outfit whose members for years eluded Ugandan forces in northern Uganda.

The LRA was accused of committing multiple massacres targeting mostly members of the Acholi ethnic group. Kony, himself an Acholi, is a self-proclaimed messiah who said early in his rebellion that he wanted to rule Uganda according to the biblical Ten Commandments. When military pressure forced the LRA out of Uganda in 2005, the rebels scattered across parts of central Africa. The group has faded in recent years, and reports of LRA attacks are rare. □



Nelson Mandela's grandson Mandla Mandela, center, with Hamas official Basem Naim, center right, during a march to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the death of former South African president Nelson Mandela in Pretoria, South Africa, Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023.

Associated Press

By **MOGOMOTSI MAGOME**  
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**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — The grandson of South Africa's first Black president, Nelson

Mandela, said Friday the U.K. government denied him an entry visa because of his support for Hamas and his stance on the Israel-

## The U.K. denies a visa to Mandela's grandson over his support for Hamas

Hamas war.

Mandla Mandela could not travel to the U.K. earlier this month to address pro-Palestinian gatherings in Manchester, Edinburgh and Glasgow after he was informed that he would need a visa, despite holding a South African government passport that would ordinarily allow him visa-free entry. This week, however, the U.K. Home Office sent Mandela a letter informing him that his visa application had been denied because of his "support for Hamas," and because his presence in the UK was "not conducive to the public good".

"Your presence in the UK has been assessed as not conducive for the public good on the grounds that you have engaged in unacceptable behavior. You have made multiple statements which explicitly support Hamas and their terrorist violence, including glorifying the Oct. 7 attack on Israel and their recently deceased leader Ismail Haniyeh," states the letter, seen by The Associated Press. The letter points out several of Mandela's posts on Instagram in which he voices his support for Hamas and the Palestinians, including one showing him with Haniyeh,

who was killed by an airstrike in July this year.

It also notes that Mandela attended Haniyeh's funeral in August, having met him twice in January and April this year, and posted a photo of himself with a senior Hamas leader, Khaled Meshaal.

"As such, your presence in the U.K. is considered to pose a threat to U.K. society as it would highly likely cause tensions amongst U.K. Jewish communities. It is in the interests of the community to refuse your visa to protect public safety and prevent disorder or crime in the U.K.," the letter states. □



## Get Ready for a Spooky Week at Paseo Herencia with Mall-O-Ween Celebration

Paseo Herencia is gearing up for an exciting week of Halloween fun with the highly anticipated Mall-O-Ween Celebration on Sunday October 27! From spine-tingling shows to delicious food, photo booths, and thrilling activities, there's something for everyone at

this year's Halloween festivities. Whether you're ready to enjoy family-friendly fun or indulge in some spooky delights, Paseo Herencia promises a week filled with chills, thrills, and unforgettable moments.

## Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

### Anabui/Tierra Del Sol

This neighborhood can be seen on Van Raders map and Werbata as Anna Boei. Anna Boei is a name of which there isn't much information about its origin.

The best historians were able to deduce is that this name came to be because of a miscommunication between Van Spengler and the natives who were living on the island. In the Arawak/Taino language one can find the word Anaiboa, which consists of Ana meaning flower or the best and Iboa; the juice of a cassava, which together would mean "the best juice of a cassava".

If one assumes that the actual word heard was Ana-boio instead, consisting of Ana meaning the best and Boio (bohio); house, the iteration of Anabui would mean "the best house." This is the origin that has been more or less speculated and assumed for the word Anabui and its meaning.

During the second world war and later, this area was used as a terrain for training of shooting by militia and latero n Korps Mariniers (the marines of Aruba). By the end of the previous century a large part of Anabui was developed to have luxurious villas and a golf course, which lead to it getting the name Tierra Del Sol, Spanish for Land of the Sun. The name is not an official name, but the name of the development project that took place. It is hoped that the original and 'old' name of Anabui is never lost and now it will be remembered by both locals and tourists.

### Angochi

This name can be seen on the Werbata map with little and cursive letters. It is the unofficial name for the area given by a tenant to the land that was rented to him.

The biggest probability that historians believe is that it comes from native descent, during the time in the 19th century where Mestizos still lived on Aruba. The name can't really be explain and according to books on its history seems to be more of a sign of corruption.

However, it seems to come from combining A(n), which is a generalizing prefix and Goeiza, which means 'the spirit of a living man'. Angochi remains more of a guess.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; An.□

### Spooky Bar Crawl – Friday October 25 to Thursday October 31

Looking to spice up your Halloween experience? Join our Spooky Bar Crawl from October 25 to 31! Try themed drinks from participating bars and restaurants, including The Lazy Turtle, Sexy Shrimp, Che Bar, Flamingo's, TGI Fridays, Frenchie's Cafe, Fusion Cuisine, and Drunk's Denial. Each time you try a spooky drink, collect a stamp, and once you've got three or more, drop your stamp card in the raffle box located by the parking cashier. You'll have a chance to win Paseo Herencia gift certificates!

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As Halloween night draws closer, the main event on October 27 promises to bring the ultimate celebration. Starting at 5 p.m., the Trick or Treat extravaganza kicks off, inviting families to immerse themselves in the festive spirit. Kids can enjoy a variety of engaging art and craft activities, while a thrilling live dance show will provide spectacular entertainment for all ages.

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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Caribbean Palm Village Resort!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three levels of honor are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitors  
Mr. Charles Santiago from Brentwood New York,

United States.

Ms. Toni Carter from Brentwood New York, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Caribbean Palm Village Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's beaches.
- Aruba's weather.
- Aruba's restaurants.
- "Family & Friends"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □



## In celebrating 200 years of Oranjestad...

## Learn about the history of the famous town hall!

**(Oranjestad)—If you've ever taken a stroll through main street Oranjestad, you may have stumbled upon a big green house with beautiful colonial design. This legendary house, now used as a town hall for civil marriages, was once owned by a wealthy doctor and formed part of the elite neighborhood in Oranjestad.**

Jacobo Eloy Arends was an Aruban physician, and in lived in Oranjestad during the 1920s. In 1922, he married Maria Monica Lacle, the daughter of well-known business man at the time, Adriaan Lacle. The

two lived a posh life in the city center, and their mansion—once the center for neighborhood parties—now serves as a public town hall for civil marriages and is a cultural monument on the island.

The house was designed by architect Chibi Wever, and constructed under the leadership of famous master carpenter, Dada Picus, who was famous at the time for his construction of beautiful buildings.

The construction of the house started once Jacobo and Maria got engaged. It is said that during the time

of construction, Maria was not allowed to see the building nor be anywhere near the construction site. It wasn't until after her honeymoon that she saw the completed mansion for the first time, furnished entirely by her sisters-in-law.

The mansion also contained the doctor's office, as well as a pharmacy. After the death of Jacobo, the house was inherited by his son, an Aruban dentist, who converted Jacobo's office into his own dental practice. Over the years, the house was rented and used by third parties, but eventually fell into disre-

pair, as the maintenance cost became too high to cover.

The land was sold to Land Aruba in 1986, but it did not see a renovation until 1997. Nowadays, it serves to host weddings, and is attached to a modern building situated behind—the Aruban census office.

Jacobo and Maria's mansion was situated in front of another famous mansion, owned by Jacobo's brother Frederico Maximiliaan (Machi) Arends. Frederico was married to Veneranda (whom the mansion was named after).

Their house was also constructed by Dada Picus, utilizing Veneranda's design vision that was inspired by a house she saw in Cartagena, Colombia.

Nowadays, this mansion lies in ruins. However, the Aruban government recently announced its official restoration, with plans to convert this monument into a governmental office and public space for visitors of Oranjestad. □

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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort!

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The honorees were:

Goodwill Ambassadors

Mr. William & Mrs. Carol Johnson from Alsip Illinois, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

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On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □



## Feeling parched? Grab refreshment by the side of the road!



(Oranjestad)—Touring the island in the blistering heat can leave one feeling rather thirsty and looking to cool off. Luckily there are a few stands along the roads of Aruba that can offer you just what you need: a nice, refreshing beverage!

These "coconut stands" can be found at several locations on the island, where you can cool off with delicious smoothies, drinks, snacks, and of course, fresh coconuts! Perfect during family outings around the island, these stands can be found in the following locations:

- Near the red Anchor in San Nicolas
- On the Linear Park in Oranjestad (in front of airport runway)
- At the California Light House hill
- Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruin
- Bushiribana Beach (Near the Ling & Song Supermarket)

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## Sun catchers: The different lizards in Aruba

**ORANJESTAD – Colorful or camouflaged, you're bound to encounter a variety of lizards basking in the sun or scurrying on their way in our island. From the charming, friendly iguanas to the good-luck gecko Pega-Pega, you're bound to meet a few of these special residents during your visit.**

Aruba, as a desert island, is home to an incredible variety of unique and colorful species. Among them we can find different lizards, most of which have South American origins. But there are a few exceptions.

### Iguanas



Iguanas are easy to spot, as they are larger than most other lizards and when young, have a bright green color that makes them stand out.

The iguanas usually found in Aruba are the Iguana iguana, known as the green iguana, or locally as Yuwana. The Yuwana are a mostly herbivorous species, and can grow up to 2 meters in size, including the tail, making them one of the largest in the iguana family. As you will see, despite their name, as they reach adulthood, the iguanas can take on a grey or blue tone instead of the bright green displayed by the young ones. In Aruba – as in the rest of the Kingdom of the Netherlands – the most usual color varies from green to lavender, black and sometimes a reddish brown.

Yuwana is a protected species, as it is listed under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), meaning that international trade is regulated through the CITES permit system. In the past, Arubans used to eat a popular Yuwana soup, as it was believed to give strength and help restore health – probably due to the protein boost it delivered. However, it is now illegal to catch, kill, buy or sell Yuwanas in Aruba, and this includes eating them!

### Turnip-tailed gecko



The turnip-tailed gecko is known locally as the Pega-Pega, meaning sticky-sticky, due to the

way it sticks to walls using the suction in its little fingers. They are found inside houses, and are mostly a nocturnal animal.

According to Etnia Nativa, the local Pega Pega is immediately recognizable by its large size, with a body length of up to 12 cm, and its large, swollen tail, approximately the same length or slightly shorter than its body; females are larger and more robust than males. It has short, robust legs with flattened toes and extensive basal webbing.

The undersides of its toes are covered in lamellae, which are used as friction pads to cling to smooth vertical surfaces. Some can even walk around completely upside down. Its toes are covered with ridges, which are peppered with millions of microscopic bristle-like structures called setae that attach and detach when the animal wills them to, and they never get gunked up.

They are variable in coloration, from a mottled dark gray to orange-brown, and are capable of changing color depending on their mood and surroundings. Mottled and banded markings aid in camouflage against tree bark. They are harmless and fragile; you can hold one in your hands as long as you are VERY gentle.

Never put pressure on its tail because it will surely drop as a measure to try to distract the predator, and they are different from other lizards because they're long-lived, talkative, lack eyelids, and their small scales are situated next to each other like cobblestones rather than overlapping as is the case in most other lizards.

Turnip-tailed Geckos are insectivorous and feed on cockroaches, grasshoppers, beetles, flies, mosquitoes, and spiders, which makes them the best pest control to have at home! They spend their days concealed in dark tree grooves and cavities, in narrow crevices in the walls, or behind paintings, which provide the perfect shelter for them. Pega pega is a gecko endemic to our island, but in time, some 4–5 intrusive gecko species have been observed, some of which do not cease to amaze us with the racket they make, especially during the hours of the night.

The Pega-pega *Phyllodactylus Julieni* is also a protected species in Aruba, by law. It is illegal to kill them!

### Blue Kododo

These are one of the most striking lizards in Aruba, recognizable by the male's bright blue color. The Aruban whiptail lizard, *Cnemidophorus arubensis*, is a species endemic to Aruba, meaning you can only find it here on our One Happy Island! They are also recognized as the most common and populous lizard on the island. While the male is blue with white dots, the female is brown with blue dots.

These charming lizards eat mostly plants, such as flowers, nectar, leaves and fruits, and occasionally enjoy some insects. They are selective in which plants they eat, because of the toxins present in many available plants species. The Kododo help take care of Aruba's vegetation by playing a significant role in the dispersal of seeds for certain plants: when they eat



fruit, they excrete the seeds in diverse locations, contributing to the reproduction cycle of our local plants.

### Striped anole

The striped anole (*Anolis lineatus*) that lives in Aruba is known locally as Waltaka or Toteki. This is a species of lizard in the family Dactyloidae, and they are native to Aruba and Curaçao. It is usually found in dry areas, commonly where there are not large trees; rather they enjoy rocks, walls or tree trunks, as they prefer to stay close to the ground.

These lizards are about 7cm in length, have a brown color with a stripe on each side and typically, several stripes on the body and tail that are lighter in color. It has a dewlap which is orange-yellow – and what's unique about this species is that it is the only known species of anole where the dewlap is asymmetrically colored, with one side being a deeper orange and the other side a lighter yellow. Mostly this is seen in the males, as it is almost imperceptible in the females. If the Toteki shows you his dewlap, retreat! This is not a friendly greeting!

Lizards are wonderful creatures that are precious to our fragile, local ecosystem. Please be mindful of these residents as you enjoy your stay.

**Images: Some images are from Aruba Birdlife Conservation.**





# Aruba: the legend behind its name

**(Oranjestad)—Most folkloric tales and legends in Aruba revolve around our indigenous ancestors, who came from mainland Venezuela, and discovered the island and made it into their new home. This particular legend tells the story of the birth of the Aruba name.**

The legend follows the life of Arua, an indigenous Cacique originally from Aroa in the Falcon state in Venezuela in the year 50 AD. Arua had a son around the year 70 AD with his wife Shira, who they named Corobori. When Corobori was old enough, he joined his father on the usual boat trip to the islands of Curacao and Bonaire to gather salt.

On their way back to Mainland Venezuela, they were caught up in a heavy rain storm—a side effect from a passing, but far away, hurricane. Of course, because of the lack of motors and sail, their boat was left in the mercy of the heavy winds. After a while, the storm started to pass, and the clouds began to clear up. Finally able to see around them, the Cacique spotted land approximately an hour away. So, they started to row in that direction until they reached the coast.

Once they arrived on what they thought was Venezuela, they decided to stay the night and fix their kayak. The next morning, the Cacique ordered his son and a few warriors to go find any sign of population in the area: "Corobori," Arua said. "Don't come back without news. It's in your hands how long we stay here till we find our family. So, if you need to take a week to gather information, we will wait for you."

"Don't worry," Corobori replied. "As soon as we have any information, we will let you know." Armed with arrows and spears, backpacks filled with food and water containers, they set off. They climbed several small hills, but no sign of a village. They crossed different dry riverbeds, but no sign of anything. When the sun finally descended, they found themselves near a fairly tall hill and decided to climb it for a better view of a village. This hill was called Pan Dushi or Orcuyo, which today we call Hooiberg.

The next morning, they could clearly see that they have landed on an island, but an unfamiliar one at that. When Corobori went back to where his father was waiting, he told him the news: "Father Arua, you have just discovered an island, but it is not Curacao or Bonaire. Far in the south, we saw the big mountains of our homeland Venezuela, which we could have never seen on the other island. This leads us to believe we are on a new island. But that's not all. When the sun came up, we saw in the distance a glowing plain, which we think may be salt."

The Cacique was pleased to hear of his son's findings. He decided to stay a couple days on the newly-discovered island in search for salt. The next morning they ascended Hooiberg again and stayed to see if they could find nearby smoke, indicating an inhabitant village. But they found nothing. So they went back to their initial arrival settlement, now known as Santo Largo in Savaneta. The next morning they hiked along the Spaans Lagoen near the Mangel Halto Beach and reached the area of Bushiri. There, they boarded their kayaks and heading to what we know now as Malmok, where they found rocks of salt. After a couple days of exploring the island and gathering some salt rocks, they left for Venezuela, where they were reunited with their families.

Throughout the year, they travelled back and forth to Aruba, collecting salt. After a while they settled on the island, generations of families living along the coast. Corobori was the first indigenous inhabitant in our history to explore the entirety of the island.

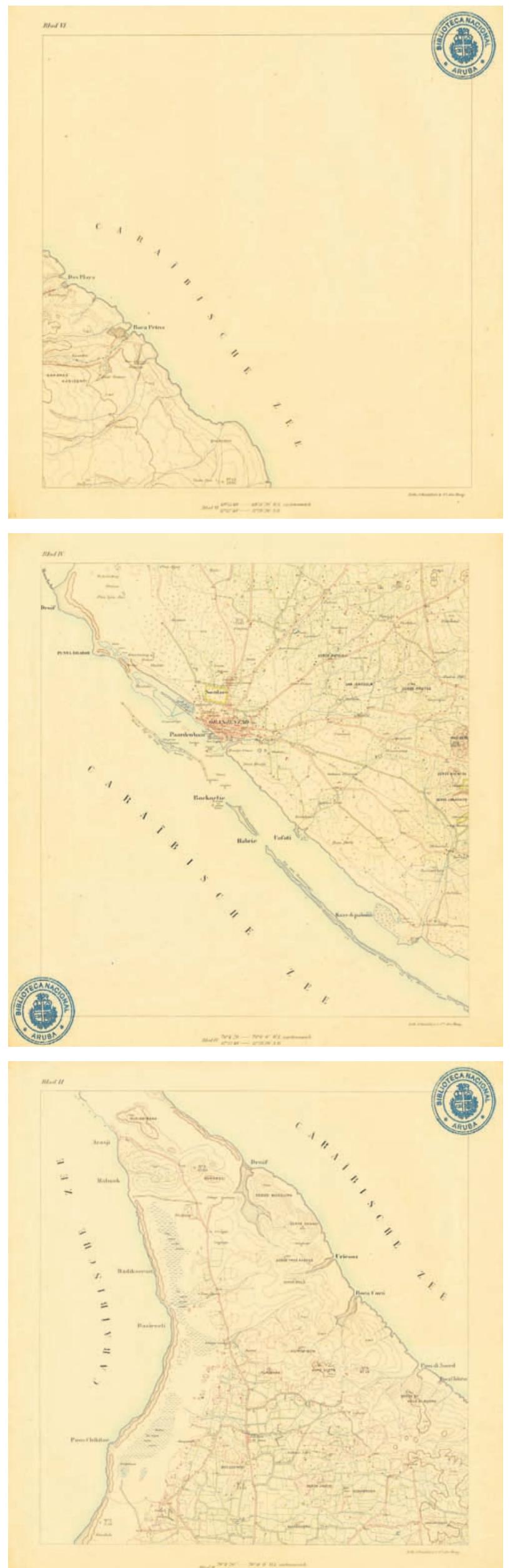
Arua, after decades as the leader of his tribe, spent his last days on the island. Having reached 80 years old, he called for his family on his death bed. In his hammock, he said: "My children, many years have passed, and I've asked my warrior to bring me back to the island so I can laid to rest. The God of living has given me the gift of life to see my son, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But now he is calling me home. Corobori, my torch is now passed to you. Guide our people, and be the leader you were always meant to become. If one day you leave my island, do not forget that it is also yours. This is my last wish: When I die, bury me in our maize plantation."

And so when the Cacique passed away, his wishes were granted and he was laid to rest in the area we now know as the Paradera Cemetery. Where he used to live, they built the Paradera Church.

And that is the tale of what inspired the Aruba name. In the generations that lived or travelled back and forth to the island, there were many familiar names\*, like Guadiriki, a warrior who was there when the island got discovered and his son, whom he called Huliba; Corobori and his children, Corodori, Camacuri and Turibana, Masiduri; and Malmok, the 13-year-old boy who alerted the Cacique when the Caribes attacked.

Familiar names: all these names are familiar to Arubans, as these are the names of places and plants on the island. □

**Source: Un storia di e Indjan Arua (A story of the Indian Arua) by Adolf (Dufi) Kock**





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

## ACROSS

- 1 Tight-fitting  
5 Salad servers  
10 In shape  
12 Dote on  
13 Texas player  
14 Variety show  
15 Watering hole  
16 Naval initials  
18 Quill need  
19 Muck  
21 Deeds  
22 Some diviners read them  
24 Photo finish  
25 Simple tops  
29 Calendar boxes  
30 Will subject  
32 Bar rocks  
33 Spots  
34 Crone  
35 Baseball's Ryan  
37 Oneness  
39 Add a change to  
40 Consume

## DOWN

- 1 Rough guesses  
2 Dietary restriction  
3 Fabricated  
4 Berlin lang.  
5 Sea dogs  
6 Pindar poem  
7 Beginner  
8 Gls, slangily  
9 Tries to find  
11 Lincoln debater  
17 Was furious  
20 Titled women  
21 Turn away coin  
23 Disputed setting  
25 Puget Sound city  
26 Lace's place  
27 Where worker  
28 Prestige  
29 Kuwaiti  
31 Sphinx  
33 Tennis star  
36 Tiny  
38 Old horse

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Yesterday's answer

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AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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## CRYPTOQUOTE

RSIICQH TT CT QAN NRH

SKTHQOH AU IPAKJHFT; CN'T

NRH SKCJCND NA MHSJ BCNR

NRHF. — TNHXX FSPSKAJC

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN A CLOWN MOVES INTO A PALACE, HE DOESN'T BECOME A KING. THE PALACE BECOMES A CIRCUS. — TURKISH PROVERB

# SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

## King Classic Sudoku

			5					9
2					4	5		
				8	9			
5			1				9	
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		1					6	
6	2		3				7	
3		8	6			4		

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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## Answer to previous puzzle

6	7	1	8	2	9	3	5	4
2	4	9	6	3	5	1	7	8
3	5	8	7	1	4	9	2	6
4	6	3	2	9	7	5	8	1
8	2	7	1	5	3	6	4	9
9	1	5	4	6	8	7	3	2
7	8	6	5	4	1	2	9	3
5	9	2	3	8	6	4	1	7
1	3	4	9	7	2	8	6	5

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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## Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

### Electrical power



### Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

### Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

### Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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# Researchers in a lab near Lake Erie study how toxic algae can damage health



A child wades in Lake Erie during an algal bloom, Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon, Ohio.

Associated Press

By JOSHUA A. BICKEL

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**TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)** — Steven Haller remembers the look of fear on people's faces when toxic algae in Lake Erie made it into his community's water supply 10 years ago, shutting it down for two days.

Since then, Haller, a clinical researcher in the University of Toledo's department of medicine, has set out to help provide answers about how harmful algal blooms can affect the health of people who live and play nearby.

"I see all of the concern in the faces of people here," Haller said. "They want the answers. They want to know."

For residents in Lake Erie's western basin, the blooms are a common sight. As spring rains push excess nutrients off farm fields and into the creeks and rivers of

the watershed, the bacteria that live in the lake feed on that phosphorus and nitrogen, tinting the water green, producing a thick sludge when severe and potentially turning toxic to humans and animals.

Research has shown that toxins from these bacteria called microcystin can make animals and people sick when they come into contact with infected water. At Haller's lab, researchers hope to better understand how these toxins affect people, especially those with health conditions like asthma.

At the lab, which Haller manages along with David Kennedy, an associate professor of medicine, researchers are examining how microcystin affect people with health conditions such as liver, gut or lung diseases by growing cell samples and exposing

the cells to the toxin.

"We've shown that in all those instances, exposure to microcystin makes the disease process worse," Haller said.

One new area of study here is the effects of the toxins when aerosolized — that is, made airborne. In the lab, scientists use a machine that uses high pressure to spray toxin onto human lung cells. At the lake, the toxins could aerosolize as waves hit rocks on shore or as boats and personal watercraft churn through the water.

On a warm afternoon around the peak of a bloom near Toledo, Kennedy climbed a ladder about 15 feet onto the top of a small concrete building near shore where an air monitor was collecting and filtering air from the lake. Kennedy installed a clean air filter after collecting the previous week's, stained a light gray from airborne particles.

The sampling runs through the end of the bloom season, possibly through November, Kennedy said. After that, all the filters will be analyzed. It's the first year they've conducted this research on Erie, but their work follows peer-reviewed research published in 2023 that found evidence of microcystin in the air at Grand Lake St. Mary's, Ohio. □



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# Khatia Buniatishvili is a classical music superstar. Her new album honors Mozart — in her own way

By GARY GERARD HAMILTON  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Khatia Buniatishvili has been one of the most well-known classical musicians for more than a decade, but she prefers to keep the chatter about her celebrity buried beneath the crescendo of her music and charismatic performances. “If I start to talk about my charisma, I think it might be the end. It’s like the peak of narcissism, right?” Buniatishvili said bashfully in a recent interview.

But it’s her command of the stage, combined with her expressive performance energy and glamorous exterior that has made her a household name in classical music. The pianist, born in the country of Georgia, along with a new generation of artists like Icelandic pop-jazz singer and cellist Laufey, French violinist Esther Abami, Nigerian opera singer Babatunde Akinboboye and even pop superstar Lizzo, a classically trained flutist, are helping remove the elitist stigma often attached to the genre and are attracting millennial and Gen Z audiences.

“I’m the happiest person when I hear that ... young people, it’s the movement of life,” said Buniatishvili, a two-time winner of Germany’s top award for classical performers, the Opus Klassik. “You



Khatia Buniatishvili poses for a portrait on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, in New York.

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can bring new life to them — to composers — thanks to these young people who are listening to it. I think it’s the major achievement you might have in life.”

The 37-year-old French-Georgian, who has collaborated with major mainstream artists like Coldplay and A\$AP Rocky, released her sixth solo album Friday, “Mozart: Piano Concertos Nos. 20 & 23” with the Academy of St Martin In The Fields chamber orchestra. Buniatishvili, who first performed with the Tbilisi Chamber Orchestra at just 6 years old, talked with The Associ-

ated Press about notoriety, Mozart, and creating a more level playing field in classical music. The answers have been edited for clarity and brevity.

**AP: With as much fanfare that surrounds you, why do you shy away from talking about fame? You specifically mentioned narcissism.**

**BUNIATISHVILI:** It’s very easy to become (narcissistic) if you don’t pay attention to it, I think, when you’re an artist because it might seem like everything is around one person, but actually, it’s much more than that. It’s not about

one person. It’s about what you leave.

**AP: How did you develop your lifelong connection with the piano?**

**BUNIATISHVILI:** It was there from the very beginning. Like my parents and my sister, they were there when I was born, but also, the piano was there. ... Even though I could do different things in life, this was there like my family, and it felt comforting.

**AP: What was the recording process like for creating “Mozart: Piano Concertos Nos. 20 & 23?”**

**BUNIATISHVILI:** What was

special in this recording was that it was with the orchestra, a chamber orchestra, but without conductors — I was directing the orchestra. So, this was a very special feeling because you communicate with the orchestra and you have to be convincing for them because you are not a conductor. ... You have to make them feel what they are actually: quite special and very unique and irreplaceable. And at the same time, you have to achieve your own interpretation.

**AP: Why did you choose to create this album without a conductor?**

**BUNIATISHVILI:** I wanted to do something as I felt it. And sometimes conductors, they can help with that. Sometimes they propose something different and you might like it or might not like it. ... I really wanted to do it in my way.

**AP: What are you most proud of professionally?**

**BUNIATISHVILI:** I’m proud that I achieved — independently from conductors, from male powers or even female. Sometimes I was not invited by the best orchestras in the world.

But I would think, “No problem, I’ll play alone.” ... Actually, I achieved my career with my recitals being alone on stage because, often, I was not part of this great power or great systems. □



Lacey Chabert poses for a portrait to promote the Hallmark television series “Celebrations with Lacey Chabert” during the Summer Television Critics Association Press Tour on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at The Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, Calif.

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By CLAIRE SAVAGE  
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Hallmark Media executive vice president of program-

ming Lisa Hamilton Daly instructed a former employee not to cast “old people” for Hallmark roles, saying that

## Hallmark exec says leading ladies Lacey Chabert, Holly Robinson Peete are ‘aging out’: lawsuit

“our leading ladies are aging out,” according to a lawsuit filed against the network this month and obtained by The Associated Press.

Penny Perry, a 79-year old casting director who filed the lawsuit Oct. 9 in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleges that she was wrongfully fired from the network known its feel-good movies because of her age, and despite stellar performance reviews. “Hallmark’s happy endings are stories made for TV only,” the complaint says.

“In Ms. Perry’s case, there was

no happy ending, and no feel-good episode to wrap up her career with Hallmark. Instead, her finale episode was marred by ageist and ableist harassment, and a callous termination which robbed her of her illustrious career, her pride, and her well-being.”

In a statement, Hallmark denied the allegations, adding: “Hallmark continues to consistently cast and maintain positive, productive relationships with talented actors representing a broad spectrum of diversity, including actors

who span many age groups and cross generations.”

According to the lawsuit, Hamilton Daly told Perry that they needed to “replace” the “old talent” including 42-year-old actress Lacey Chabert, who has starred in dozens of Hallmark movies, many of them Christmas-themed, and portrayed Gretchen Wieners in Mean Girls (2004), saying Chabert is “getting older and we have to find someone like her to replace her as she gets older.” □



# The AVP beach volleyball tour now has team play. But will it be a (Dallas) Dream or (Miami) Mayhem?

By **JIMMY GOLEN**  
AP Sports Writer

When Chase Budinger was playing in the NBA, he had a locker room full of teammates who were working together to win and support each other off the court. Since switching to beach volleyball, it's always been just him and a single partner. That's changing this season on the AVP tour, with a new league format that is bringing a team concept to the two-person game, and with it a home city and a nickname and all of the other trappings of the more traditional team sports.

"It just brings that team atmosphere, that team bonding that is something that I've missed from my basketball days," Budinger said in a recent telephone interview as he moved on from the Paris Olympics to the AVP's new league.

"It's something that I kind of feel again, where you're cheering on your teammates and really have another team's back," said Budinger, who played seven years in the NBA before reaching the Olympics in beach volleyball. "It's really cool, because it's something so different than normal beach volleyball."

Although it has long been



Canada's Brandie Wilkerson returns the ball in the women's beach volleyball gold medal match between Brazil and Canada, at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Aug. 9, 2024, in Paris, France.

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the most prestigious beach volleyball tour in the United States, the AVP has struggled to find footing in the sand as it tries to carry the sport's quadrennial Summer Games spotlight through the non-Olympic years.

The new format is an attempt to solve some of the problems that may be hindering the sport's growth, including shorter matches that are more TV-friendly, and more predictable pairings to capitalize on the name recognition of its biggest stars. Most visibly, the AVP league

departs from traditional beach volleyball, where twosomes traveled and competed for themselves, by teaming a men's pair with a women's pair and assigning them a city in the hopes of fostering hometown support. Teams don't play for tournament titles, but to move up in the season standings and reach the end-of-season championship in Los Angeles Nov. 9-10. "It's a total shakeup from what's been happening for the last few decades," said Brandie Wilkerson, a Canadian

who won the silver medal at the Paris Olympics with Melissa Humana-Paredes; the pair now plays for the AVP's Palm Beach Passion, teamed up with 2008 gold medalist Phil Dalhausser, and Avery Drost.

"The team camaraderie is interesting," Wilkerson said. "I've never had to really think about another teammate other than Melissa. So that's been fun and we're getting into it, we're getting to know these players better. We get to support each other." Other teams include

the San Diego Smash, New York Nitro, Dallas Dream, Austin Aces, Miami Mayhem, LA Launch and Brooklyn Blaze. So far, the league has bounced from Los Angeles, where it played in the UCLA Tennis Center, to Miami's Hard Rock Stadium.

"Playing cities just like other professional teams do and having big crowds in stadiums — what's not to like about that?" said Olympic gold medalist Alix Klineman, who plays for Miami.

"It takes time. I don't think people overnight all became Laker fans," she said. "It was learning to love the organization and the players, and as they got better, more people became fans. Hopefully this format has the staying power that everybody hopes it does, and then I think fans will get on board."

The competition heads this weekend to the Honda Center, home of the NHL's Anaheim Ducks. While beach volleyball events are often held away from the shore on trucked-in sand — including in the Champ de Mars under the Eiffel Tower at the 2024 Paris Olympics — existing stadiums offer conveniences that aren't always possible at Manhattan Beach or Copacabana. □

## UFC President Dana White considering AI and Mark Zuckerberg to improve rankings system

By **MARK ANDERSON**  
AP Sports Writer

UFC President Dana White told TNT Sports that he has spoken with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg about possibly using artificial intelligence to improve the organization's maligned ranking system.

"I'm totally going to fix the rankings," White told the network on Thursday. "We're going to make a lot of strong moves here coming into 2025."

This isn't the first time White has complained about the ranking system, which has been in place since 2013. It relies on a combination of rankings from a variety of outlets that cover the UFC.

The next major event is the featherweight championship between titleholder Ilia Topuria and second-ranked challenger Max Holloway in UFC 308 on Saturday in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. □



Ilia Topuria celebrates after defeating Bryce Mitchell in a UFC 282 mixed martial arts featherweight bout Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, in Las Vegas.

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# More star wide receivers could be on the move after Hopkins, Adams and Cooper

By **ROB MAADDI**  
AP Pro Football Writer

DeAndre Hopkins, Davante Adams and Amari Cooper have already been traded. Who's next?

The NFL pushed the trade deadline back one week to Nov. 5 this year so teams have more time to determine whether they want to buy, sell, or stick with who they have.

Star wide receivers have been a hot commodity.

The Jets got things started by acquiring Adams last week, reuniting the three-time All-Pro with Aaron Rodgers in New York. They were rusty in their first game together since 2021. Adams caught just three passes on nine targets for 30 yards in a 37-15 loss to Pittsburgh.

Cooper went from woeful Cleveland to Buffalo and quickly fit in with Josh Allen. He had four catches for 66 yards and one touchdown in the Bills' 34-10 win over Tennessee.

The two-time defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs jumped into the receiver sweepstakes this week and grabbed Hopkins from the Titans, giving Patrick Mahomes an accomplished playmaker to join Travis Kelce.

Hopkins, a three-time All-Pro, helps replace Rashee Rice, who is out for the season. The Chiefs also have been without Marquise "Hollywood" Brown since



Buffalo Bills wide receiver Amari Cooper (18) catches a pass during NFL football practice in Orchard Park, N.Y., Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024.

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the start of the season and Ju-Ju Smith-Schuster missed last week's game with a hamstring injury.

"He's a veteran player. You've seen just about everything over 12 years," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said of Hopkins. "He's a good space player, so he's very good at understanding how to work in space. At the same time, he's a tough matchup because of his size, arm length — (he's a) big body that knows how to kind of play that low-post area."

Other high-profile players could be on the move be-

fore the deadline. Here are a few names to keep an eye on:

**COOPER KUPP:** A Super Bowl MVP when the Los Angeles Rams beat Cincinnati following the 2021 season, Kupp hasn't stayed healthy. He's missed 17 games over the past 2 1/2 seasons. The 31-year-old returned to the lineup on Thursday night and caught five passes for 51 yards and one TD in Los Angeles' 30-20 win over Minnesota. The Rams (3-4) are in the mix in an up-for-grabs NFC West so they may not want to part with one of their best

players.

**TEE HIGGINS:** Sticking with receivers here. The Bengals (3-4) could land a boatload of picks for Higgins, who is only 25 and playing this season on a franchise tag. With Ja'Marr Chase set to get a contract similar to Justin Jefferson's money, Cincinnati could decide to move Higgins. The Bengals have been a notoriously frugal franchise so it's a possibility even though the team should want to surround Joe Burrow with as much talent as possible.

**MAXX CROSBY:** Trading the three-time Pro Bowl edge

rusher wouldn't make the most sense for Las Vegas but Crosby said last week: "I'm not here to rebuild. I'm here to win. So I don't know, whatever that means." Crosby is only 27 and signed for two more years. A package for him would have to include multiple top draft picks, which could help the Raiders (2-5) in their quest to get a franchise quarterback.

**BUDDA BAKER:** The six-time Pro Bowl safety has spent his entire eight-year career in Arizona but he's set to become a free agent after the season and the Cardinals (3-4) already chose not to give him a contract extension. Like the Rams, they're just one game behind Seattle (4-3) in a division that's more winnable now that the 49ers (3-4) are struggling. Still, Arizona isn't going to be a Super Bowl contender and if Baker isn't in the team's future plans, getting draft picks for him makes sense.

**MILES SANDERS:** It's hard to believe Sanders rushed for 1,269 yards and 11 TDs just two years ago in Philadelphia. After signing a big free-agent deal with Carolina, Sanders hasn't been the same. He doesn't have much help around him, either. Sanders ran for only 432 yards last season and averaged 3.3 yards per carry. □



Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (1) aims the ball during a practice session at the team's training facility, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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By **ALANIS THAMES**  
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**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)** — Miami quarterback Tua

Tagovailoa has cleared the NFL's concussion protocol and will play against the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

## Miami QB Tagovailoa clears concussion protocol, will make 1st start since Week 2 vs Cardinals

It's his first start since being concussed in Week 2.

The Dolphins designated Tagovailoa to return to practice on Monday after he spent about a month on injured reserve after suffering his third concussion of his NFL career on Sept. 12.

Tagovailoa has since met with numerous medical experts who deemed it safe for him to play football again, according to the team. He needed to clear the NFL's five-step return-to-play pro-

cess, which came after he participated in practices and took contact without exhibiting concussion symptoms.

Tagovailoa was examined after Thursday's practice by an independent neurological consultant, who cleared him to play Sunday, coach Mike McDaniel said.

"Words can't describe how excited I get for all players that have opportunities that I know they don't take for granted," McDaniel said Fri-

day. "It's very exciting from a human perspective as a coach for this team."

Tagovailoa was concussed when he collided with Buffalo Bills defensive back Damar Hamlin. He ran for a first down and initiated contact by lowering his shoulder into Hamlin instead of sliding. Tagovailoa said Monday that he has been symptom-free since a day after being diagnosed with the concussion. He has a history of head injuries since entering the NFL. □